Deadline for modernization of non-metro airports

1109. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure had given its nod for the modernization of 35 non-metro airports by Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) if so, whether the Cabinet Committee decided any deadline to complete the modernization process;

(c) the details of progress of modernization in each airport;

(d) whether it is a fact that the process of modernization is too slow and creating hurdles in the expansion of civil aviation sector; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed by Government to see that the process of modernization completes in specific schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the traget date for completion of modernization process is March, 2010.

(c) New Terminal buildings expandable on modular basis are being constructed at Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Agatti, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Goa, Jaipur, Lucknow, Indore, Khajuraho, Madurai, Mangalore, Port Blair, Ranchi, Raipur, Rajkot, Trivandrum, Trichy, Udaipur, Varanasi and Vishakhapatnam airports. Modification/ expansion of existing Terminal Buildings is being undertaken at airports in Agra, Agartala, Coimbatore, Dimapur, Guwahati, Imphal, Jammu, Nagpur, Patna, Pune and Vadodara.

Airside works including expansion and strengthening of runway for wide bodied aircraft operations, extension/new construction of Apron for more parking of aircrafts, link taxiways and parallel taxi tracks are being taken up at these airports as per requirement. At 24 of these airports, cityside development through Public Private Partnership is being undertaken. Bids for prequalification have been received for Amritsar and Udaipur airports.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Proposal for airport for each districts in the country

†1110. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to get their airports constructed by the private companies for infrastructure development of the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also considering to construct one airport in every district of the country; and

(d) if so, the districts in which there is a plan to construct the airports in the first phase?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.